

Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced precipitation below average for this time of year. Temperatures across the state were slightly lower than normal. Hail and wind damaged crops in some areas. Farmers had 6.4 days for field operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
	Very Short Short Adequate Surplu						
This Week	4	15	79	2			
Last Week	1	13	77	9			
Last Year	0	12	68	20			

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
Very Short Short Adequate Su							
This Week	4	16	80	0			
Last Week	1	9	85	5			
Last Year	5	22	67	6			

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 99 percent headed, 41 percent turning color, and 4 percent ripe by the end of the week and behind the 5-year average of 19 percent ripe. Warm temperatures aided development, but the crop is still about a week behind the usual pace. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. Spring barley was 38 percent headed at week's end and 6 percent was beginning to turn color. Barley was rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring wheat was 35 percent headed with 4 percent turning color. Spring wheat condition was rated fair to good.

Row Crops: Corn was rated in mostly good condition. Dry onions' condition rating continued at mostly good. Sorghum planting progressed to 94 percent complete compared with 79 percent for the 5-year average. Emergence reached 57 percent, ahead of the 5-year average of 50 percent with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Producers continued planting sunflowers and ended the week at 85 percent complete, slightly ahead of the usual pace. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending June 20, 2010								
	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent			
	Poor							
	Winter Wheat							
This Week	2	5	20	63	10			
Last Year	1	7	15	55	22			
Spring Barley								
This Week	0	4	39	47	10			
Last Year	0	0	19	44	37			
Spring Wheat								
This Week	0	5	44	42	9			
Last Year	0	0	16	40	44			

Summer potatoes were rated in mostly good condition at the end of the week. Fall potato emergence in the San Luis Valley reached 93 percent by week's end, ahead of the 5-year average of 74 percent. Condition ratings had the crop mostly good to fair. Likewise, sugarbeets were rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Pasture, Range and Hay: Pasture and range feed conditions remain in mostly good to fair condition, roughly comparable to ratings at this time last year. Farmers continued cutting alfalfa hay last week with 79 percent of the 1st cutting now complete.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT Week ending June 20, 2010

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	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel		
	Poor				-lent		
Pasture & Range-2010	1	8	27	56	8		
Prev. Year – 2009	1	6	32	45	16		
5-Year Avg.	12	16	28	35	9		

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Development Ratings for Week Ending June 20, 2010

<u>Item</u>	This Week	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Headed	99	98	100	100
Turning Color	41	14	59	65
Ripe	4	N/A	6	19
Spring Barley	·	11/11	Ŭ	17
Headed	38	33	7	30
Turning Color	6	N/A	0	1
Spring Wheat				
Headed	35	30	7	26
Turning Color	4	N/A	1	2
Sorghum				
Planted	94	84	65	79
Emerged	57	32	36	50
Sunflowers				
Planted	85	67	85	83
Dry Beans				
Emerged	79	35	51	54
Fall Potatoes				
Emerged	93	75	80	74
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	79	67	57	68

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	Good	<u>Excellent</u>
Livestock	0	1	8	82	9
Corn	0	2	12	67	19
Sorghum	0	6	22	70	2
Dry Onions	1	1	14	64	20
Dry Beans	1	1	34	58	6
Alfalfa	0	3	25	57	15
Sugarbeets	0	2	10	75	13
Summer Potatoes	0	0	0	89	11
Fall Potatoes	0	3	35	56	6
Sunflowers	1	6	40	51	2

^{1/} Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.